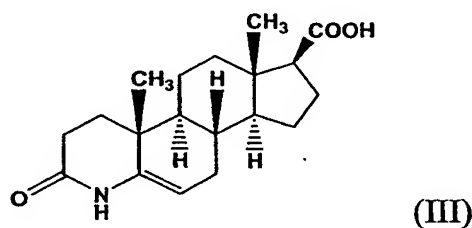
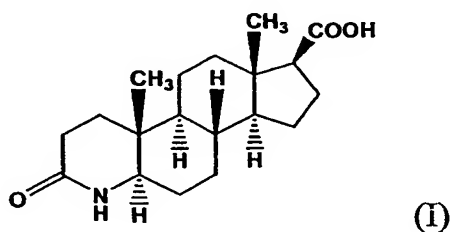


## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for preparing the compound of formula (I) comprising heating the compound of formula (III) in a mixture of formic acid and an alkanediol in the presence of zinc:



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2. The method of claim 1, wherein formic acid is used in an amount of 3 to 30ml based on 1.0g of the compound of formula (III).

3. The method of claim 1, wherein the alkanediol is selected from the group consisting of ethylene glycol, propylene glycol, 1,3-propanediol, 1,2-butanediol, 1,3-butanediol, 1,4-butanediol and 2,3-butanediol.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein the alkanediol is used in an amount of 2 to 20ml based on 1.0g of the compound of formula (III).

5. The method of claim 1, wherein zinc is used in 4 to 10 equivalents based on a mole of the compound of formula (III).

6. The method of claim 1, wherein the heating is carried out for 4 to 8 hours at a temperature in the range of 80 to 130°C.